William Wheeler

S. America Expert for CIA Is Dead

William M. Wheeler Jr., 52, a specialist in Latin American affairs for the Central Intelligence Agency, died Sunday in Georgetown University Hospital of a heart ailment.

A 1935 graduate of Yale University and a 1938 law graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Mr. Wheeler worked for the FBI and the Department of Defense from 1940 to 1954. He was a 1945 winner of the Medal of Freedom.

In 1954 he joined the Foreign Service division of the Department of State and served in Brazil, Portugal and Spain before transferring to the CIA in 1960 as a senior executive officer.

He lived at 6804 Algonquin ave., Bethesda.